

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-8 and 11 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 9-10 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 11 have been amended. Claim 4 has been indicated as having allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 11 are presented for reconsideration.

Claims 6 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as being directed toward a program comprising nonfunctional descriptive material. Accordingly, these claims have been amended to recite a "... computer readable medium including a program ..." Withdraw of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Dosaka. The rejection of claims 9 and 10 is moot due to the cancellation of these claims. Claim 1 is amended to recite features neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art, namely:

... a moving picture display unit for sequentially displaying whole or part of the plurality of moving pictures **at time intervals which are determined prior to the display of the plurality of moving pictures** ... (Emphasis added).

Applicants' exemplary embodiment stores a plurality of moving pictures in storage unit 101. (Fig. 1). The input accepting unit 103 may accept different inputs. Examples of these inputs are shown in Fig. 2 as a start instruction input (S202), a moving picture select input (S205) and menu select input (S213). For example, an input (i.e. start instruction at S202 in Fig. 2) may be accepted for displaying the moving pictures sequentially. The moving pictures are then displayed **at time intervals which are determined prior to the display of the plurality of moving pictures**. For example, the moving pictures may be displayed at 4 second time intervals. (Page 18, line 17 to page 19, line 17 and Fig. 4). Thus, claim 1 is amended to recite that the moving pictures are sequentially displayed "... **at time intervals which are determined prior to the display of the plurality of moving pictures** ..."

While a portion (i.e. 4 second time interval) of a moving picture is displayed, another input (i.e. moving picture select input S205) may be accepted. When the input accepting unit accepts the selection input, the respective moving picture that is being displayed is selected for the menu and compiled by the moving picture menu compiling unit 104. (page 19, lines 18-20). Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to recite "... a moving picture menu compiling unit for compiling a menu of moving pictures when the input accepting unit accepts a selection input for selecting a respective moving picture for the menu ..."'

Dosaka stores a plurality of scenes of a moving picture. (Col. 7, lines 41-44). A scene of a moving picture in Dosaka is played back (displayed). While the scene is being displayed, an input is accepted (image-store button is pushed). Accordingly, an image at a position in the scene is stored. (Col. 3, lines 58-61). A plurality of stored images, each representing a scene (i.e. starting position of the scene), are stored as a menu. (Col. 4, lines 3-6).

The time interval for each scene displayed in Dosaka, however, is determined when the image-store button is pushed. That is, **the time interval is determined by the user after the scene is displayed**. When the user pushes the image-store button, the image is reduced in size and the sector ID address (position in time of the image) is stored at a menu memory block. (Col. 3, line 62 to col. 4, line 18). That is, when the image-store button is pushed, the image is stored and the time interval of the scene being displayed ends. Thus, Dosaka does not disclose "... a moving picture display unit for sequentially displaying whole or part of the plurality of moving pictures **at time intervals which are determined prior to the display of the plurality of moving pictures**," as recited in claim 1.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable over the art of record.

Claims 6 and 11, while not identical to claim 1, include features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claims 6 and 11 are also allowable over the art of record for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

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Claims 2-3, 5 and 7-8 were indicated as being allowable if amended to be independent and to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. These claims have been amended accordingly. Allowance of claims 2-3, 5 and 7-8 is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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